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Cabrillo College Theatre Arts Department Presents Reimagined Version of *The Mikado*
The Mikada runs April 21 - May 6, in the Cabrillo Crocker Theater

Aptos, CA— Cabrillo College's Theatre Arts Department will present a reimagined version of Gilbert and Sullivan's light opera *The Mikado*, entitled ***The Mikada, April 21 through May 6***, at The Cabrillo Crocker Theater.

Known as the most popular Gilbert and Sullivan opera, and arguably the most popular opera ever written, *The Mikado* has delighted audiences for more than a century, having originally opened in 1885 when Gilbert and Sullivan were at the height of their creative geniuses. The story takes place in the mythical land of Napaj where forward is backward, life is death and beauty is unattractive. For decades audiences have enjoyed the antics of Nanki-poo and The Lord High Executioner as they square off in quest of Yum-Yum's love.

The Cabrillo Theater Arts department will present a contemporary *Mikado*, directed by Cabrillo drama instructor Kathryn Adkins, who has renamed the show *The Mikada*, having cast the role of the Mikado to a woman.

"The Cabrillo production of *The Mikada* continues the original intent of the show," explains director Adkins, "Which is to satirize the politics, class differences and popular culture of contemporary audiences. Gilbert and Sullivan were the Steven Colbert and John Stewart of Victorian England. Cabrillo audiences will find today's political and social climate a hilarious match in this updated version of *The Mikado*."

As Adkins describes, "In the mythical land of Napaj, the Mikada decrees that anyone caught flirting will be executed. The town of Tittipoo responds by electing a criminal flirter as executioner. The question is how do you cut off your own head to satisfy the law? And what do you do when the young go against the elders' rule?"

What: Cabrillo Theatre Arts Department presents ***The Mikada***

When: April 21 - May 6

Friday & Saturday Nights at 7:30 PM

Matinees 4/22, 4/29, 5/5, 5/6 at 2:30 PM

Where: Cabrillo College Crocker Theater, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos

Tickets: 831-479-6154 or www.cabrillovapa.com

\$23 General, \$21 Students/Seniors, \$18 w/Activity Card, \$13 Children Under 10.

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